

STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

June 10, 2021

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq. Jonathan H. Schaefer, Esq. Robinson & Cole LLP 280 Trumbull Street Hartford, CT 06103-3597

RE: **PETITION NO. 1442** - SR Litchfield, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 19.8-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on 6 contiguous parcels located both east and west of Wilson Road south of the intersection with Litchfield Town Farm Road in Litchfield, Connecticut, and both east and west of Rossi Road, south of the intersection with Highland Avenue in Torrington, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Attorneys Baldwin and Schaefer:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than July 1, 2021. Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council's office and an electronic copy to siting.council@ct.gov. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Council requests all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Please be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council's office on or before the July 1, 2021 deadline.

Copies of your responses are required to be provided to all parties and intervenors listed in the service list, which can be found on the Council's website under the "Pending Matters" link.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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c: Ali Weaver, Director Project Development SR Litchfield, LLC

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SR Litchfield, LLC Interrogatories - Set Two June 10, 2021

- 81. Would the Petitioner be willing to install a 7-foot perimeter chain link fence with no barbed wire component? If not, why not?
- 82. Can the fence be realigned in the following access road areas to eliminate barriers to large wildlife movement?
 - a. Access road extending east from Wilson Road to "Area 2".
 - b. Access road extending from Highland Road to "Area 1".
- 83. Referring to Revised Site Plan Sheet PV-100- the minimum distance between the fence and the solar modules is 4.5 feet. How does this distance comport with the clearance requirements of CT State Fire Prevention Code, Ground Mounted Photovoltaic System Installations section 11.12.3?
- 84. Referring to Revised Site Plan Sheet PV-100, the chart lists interrow spacing as 10.2 feet, however the schematic shows interrow spacing as 8.8 feet, please clarify.
- 85. Referring to the Revised Site Plans Legend, provide a value for the wetland setback designation.
- 86. Referring to Revised Site Plan Sheet PV-101 northeast solar array area, what is the distance of the solar panels to the eastern property line?
- 87. The revised site plans show underground utility lines through several wetland areas. Please explain the amount of disturbance, clearing and equipment necessary to install the lines.
- 88. Have site plans been developed that show pre and post construction contours/elevation data. If so, please provide.
- 89. Referring to the Interrogatory response 40, what Connecticut guidelines were used to support the adequacy of 25-foot and 50-foot undisturbed wetland buffers?
- 90. Referring to the Petition Wetlands and Habitats Report Figure 2 and the Revised Site plans, provide a table that lists the wetlands/watercourses on-site, type, and the minimum wetland buffer to the Project Limit of Disturbance, and the rationale for such buffer.
- 91. Referring to Interrogatory response 12(i) depict the 38 acre area of the Project that would be used for livestock grazing. How would vegetation in the remaining, nongrazing Project areas be maintained?
- 92. Is the potential use of herbicides at the site a concern for the livestock co-use? How would the use of herbicides be communicated to the livestock manager?
- 93. What are the revised estimates of cut and fill for the Project. If there is excess cut, where will this material be disposed of?
- 94. What is the estimated total cost of the proposed project?